THE COPPY OF a letter ſent from the Earle of *Traquere* in *Freland* the third of *October* 1641.

To Old Father *Philips*, heere in *England*, and now priſoner in the *Tower*.

VVhich letter was intercepted, at a certaine time by Sir *Robert Richardſon*, kept private but now diſcloſed.

Vpon which old Father *Philips* was committed to the *Tower*.

With a true relation how the number of Rebels dayly increaſe in the woods at *Ireland*.

Printed at London 1641.

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To Old Ruler [illegible]

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Sir Robert Richardson,

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Upon which old Ruler [illegible]

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To old Father *Phitips*, heere in *England*, and now prisoner in the *Tower*.

Venerable Father,

DVty compells mee to make knowne unto you, the height of our intents, insomuch as I know you to be a loyall, and constant friend to *Rome*, whose pious charity, and iust actions, by Hereticks are accounted as abominations. Our chiefest, friends. Some of them are in very woefull ieo-

pardy of life, and others ſuffer baniſhment, which I know is no little greiſe to you, nor vexation to thoſe which are your friends.

Wee are accounted as abiect ſlaves, and are reviled by each merchanick, whoſe cheifeſt ambition hath beene to arrive at that haven of happineſſe to drive a Cart, or command a Plough, theſe and ſuch like are of late growne to bee our Maſters, nay we are ſcarce thought worthy to be their Srvants, wee muſt have our habiliments of warre, though kept for a good purpoſe ceaſed upon, privilidge is ſcarce given unto us to have a ſword to hang by our ſide: double and treble tribute by us muſt be paid and yet ſeeme they not to be contented.

Wee muſt not Enioy a holy Prieſt, which is not of their order, upon the forfeiture of there deare and precious lives.

Father *Walker*, I heard they have drawne, hanged, and quartered, whoſe blood ſhall lighten upon the heads of thouſands of them, but to come the ſubiect of my loyall intents towards you.

The Plot which now long ſince, I gave you private notice of, goeth forward very well.

Thoſe which are ſtyled proteſtants heare in *Ireland*, dreame of nothing, but are perſwaded they ſhall alwayes ſleepe in whole skines,

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and yet ſome of them begin to quake, many forts are already in poſſe, wee doe not feare but in a very ſhort time to have them in eſſe.

The woods are well ſcaned, then not a man there but will chuſe rather to looſe their lives, then their former liberties, they have already ſlaine and pillaged many Hereticks ſo privately, that they are not ſo much as ſuſpected for the inſtruments of their deaths, our true and truſty friend *Hugh Ogmakmahawne*, is as yet very ſafe, although he hath beene beſet many times with the great danger of his life, hee doth take very great paines to further our enterpriſes.

We have have made many private aſſaults, to take *Dublin* Caſtle, but as yet cannot prevaile, had we but once that ſtrong houſe, our ſole intents are to put all the Hereticks to fire and ſword, But our beginning ſhall be with the Lord. Iuſtices, and the Privie Counſell.

I deſire to have intelligence from you, to know your mind concerning your laſt intents, we have had very ill fortune, concerning ſome affaires of late, which wee hope ſhortly to renew againe.

I have at this time ten thouſand men in

armes in the woods, who are sufficiently victualled, for five months', unknowne to all but our owne friends, shortly expecte other newes, in the meane while, I leave you to the consideration of my former Letter.

Yours *Traquere.*

Dublin the third of
October. 1641.

The manner of the Rebels lying in the woods.

There are at this time there about ten thousand men well armed & uictualled, which have their habitation about the woods in Ireland, these were not long since above three hundred, but thus their number increased.

Those three hundred men at the first, were wont, about the deadest time of night, to leave the woods and seeke abroad for their preay, which was thus.

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To the firſt houſe, which they came at, they would call to the maſter thereof, and bid him ſtrait let them in; which hee denied, without any more delay, they would burne the houſe about his eares, but if hee at that time doe let them in, then would they take all they found, and in the morning away out, if they vvere eſpyed to goe out of the mans houſe, vvhich vvas robbed, then ſhould that man be complained off, and bee hanged for entertayning rebels: vvherefore many men being in that ſtrayte were forced eyther to bee hanged or to turne Rebels, vvhich hath beene the cauſe, and is ſo of theire daylie multiplying and encreaſing.

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